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## United States Mint Opens Sales for the 2013 American Eagle Silver Proof Coin on January 24

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WASHINGTON — The United States Mint will begin accepting orders for the 2013 American Eagle Silver Proof Coin at noon Eastern Time on January 24, 2013. The coin will be priced at \$62.95. There is no household order limit for this product. Customer demand will determine the number of coins minted.

The obverse (heads side) design of the American Eagle Silver Proof Coin features Adolph A. Weinman's full-length figure of Liberty in full stride, enveloped in folds of the flag, with her right hand extended and branches of laurel and oak in her left. The reverse (tails side) design features former United States Mint Sculptor–Engraver John Mercanti's heraldic eagle with shield, an olive branch in the right talon and arrows in the left.

The American Eagle Silver Proof Coins are struck using .999 fine silver blanks that are specially treated and cleaned to ensure high–quality strikes. Each coin carries the "W" mint mark, indicating its production at the United States Mint at West Point. The coins are encapsulated in plastic, mounted in a satin–lined presentation case, and accompanied by a Certificate of Authenticity.

Orders will be accepted at the bureau's online catalog, <a href="http://www.usmint.gov/catalog/">http://www.usmint.gov/catalog/</a>, and at 1–800–USA–MINT (872–6468). Hearing– and speech–impaired customers with TTY equipment may order at 1–888–321–MINT. A fee of \$4.95 will be added to all domestic orders for shipping and handling.

Later this year, the United States Mint will also offer a special two-coin set of American Eagle Silver Coins, both of which will be struck at its facility at West Point, N.Y. The 2013 American Eagle West Point Two-Coin Silver Set (final product name subject to change) will include one American Eagle Silver Reverse Proof Coin and one American Eagle Silver Uncirculated Coin with an "enhanced" finish. (A "reverse proof" coin reverses the mirror-like background finish of a traditional proof coin and applies it to the design elements, creating a magnificent contrast.) These two coins will only be available in this special set. The bureau expects to begin accepting orders for the set in the spring. Pricing and other information will be available prior to its release.

The United States Mint was created by Congress in 1792. It is the Nation's sole manufacturer of legal tender coinage and is responsible for producing circulating coinage for the Nation to conduct its trade and commerce. The United States Mint also produces numismatic products including proof, uncirculated and commemorative coins; Congressional Gold Medals; and silver and gold bullion coins. The United States Mint's numismatic programs are self–sustaining and operate at no cost to the taxpayer.

Note: To ensure that all members of the public have fair and equal access to United States Mint products, orders placed prior to the official on–sale date and time January 24, 2013, at noon ET, shall not be deemed accepted by the United States Mint and will not be honored. For more information, please review the United States Mint's Frequently Asked Questions, Answer ID #175.

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